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May Extend Subsidy

Quick Action Necessary if K.C.R. is Not to be Delayed

In answer to a letter of inquiry The Outcrop has received a communication from a friend in Ottawa stating that the Kootenay Central Railway Company are applying for an extension of time in which to complete the road and the extension is almost certain to be granted. Our informant adds that he had not learned whether the company are applying for any revote of the subsidy granted.

This is startling news for everyone who has taken an interest in the building of the road.

It may be well here to point out that it can only be an extension of the subsidy that the company seeks, as its charter does not expire until 1909, provided \$150,000 is expended by June 25th next, which provision there can now be no doubt as to its being fulfilled. But the subsidy act provides that the road shall be completed by August 2nd, 1907, and, therefore, it must be that the company are applying for an extension of time on the subsidy, or more properly a revote of the subsidy.

This is certainly a very serious matter to the whole of this valley, and the very thing they have hoped and believed would not be tolerated at Ottawa. Nevertheless, from careful inquiries made The Outcrop has been unable to learn of a single person who has taken the trouble to write to Ottawa informing the Government of the situation here and the desire of the people along the route of the road. Anything worth having is worth the asking, and the neglect in the matter is greatly to be regretted.

However, it may not yet be too late to intervene and the general impression here is that immediate steps should be taken in the matter and telegrams will likely be sent from every point along the route enquiring if a revote has been applied for and protesting against it being granted.

In one sense it is a delicate matter to handle, for if a revote is not applied for then to protest would not place the people in a very enviable light, still there can be few who will doubt that this is not the intention. President Pollen has already gone to Ottawa in the company's interests and this matter will no doubt receive his greatest attention.

The people here want to see the road built at once or the company drop it and leave it open for some company that will do it. It is believed this country would be in a much better condition today had the road never been heard of. Still there can be no doubt that the C. P. R. will finish the road on time if the Government does not allow an extension of the subsidy. Every person who has the best interest of the country at heart should now get busy and do what they can in the matter.

The following despatch from Ottawa has misled quite a few people as it was thought this referred to the K.C.R.:

"The British Columbia Southern, which is controlled by the C. P. R., asked for an extension of time to complete its line from Fort Steele to Golden and several branches. The Minister of Railways thought the committee should withhold renewal power. This company had to build undefined branches up to thirty miles in length by merely obtaining the approval of the Governor-in-Council. Let the company define which particular branches it wanted to construct.

"C. E. Drinkwater assumed one of the British Columbia members that the road would be built to Fort Steele, but the Minister secured the postponement of the final consideration of the bill to the next session."

It transpires that the B. C. S. still holds a charter over this route, which many persons thought had lapsed. The renewal of this charter was assented to June 23th, 1903.

and we quote from Chapter 87, Section 1:

"The British Columbia Southern Railway Company may commence within two years and complete within five years after the passing of this Act, the railway which it was authorized by Chapter 35 of the Statutes of 1899 to construct, acquire and operate between a point on its line of railway in the neighborhood of Fort Steele and at or near Golden on the C. P. R., by a route having the same general direction as the valleys of the Columbia and Kootenay rivers, provided that the powers granted by Parliament shall cease and be null and void as respects so much of the said railway as remains uncompleted at the end of the said five years."

DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Try THE OUTCROP for Job Printing.

T. Alton left for Brisco Tuesday to look after his ranch.

Several hundred foot trees have just arrived for local orchardists.

It is understood that a real live man is to arrive about the first of next month to act as townsite agent in Wilmer.

The Church Social at Windermere on Tuesday evening was a success and our correspondent promises a report of it for next issue.

The leasing system seems to be proving very satisfactory among the Slokan mines. More of it might be tried to advantage in this district.

An Atholmer man, who was formerly a railway contractor and should know, is reported as saying 50 teams of horses, with a fully force of men, should grade a mile of road a day on the K. C. R.

Golden Star: Work on the Kootenay Central is humming. More men and more material comes to Golden on every train and no time is lost in getting both these necessities to the scene of operations, about three miles up the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Field of Nanaimo are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Arthur Fegart, near Windermere, and will remain a couple of weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Field are delighted with the scenery of the valley and hope to come here again when they can remain longer.

Rev. Mr. McKenzie has decided to leave his mission work in this district the end of the present month, which is regretted by all who know this talented speaker. On this account he has decided to change his regular services and will preach at this end of his field next Sunday, the 22nd inst., and at Galena on the 29th. These will be his last services. Mr. McKenzie has received a letter from his successor, Rev. J. D. McKinnon, of Kingston, Ont., stating he will arrive here about May 1st.

Cranbrook Prospector: The announcement that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have commenced the construction of the Kootenay Central Railway, is a statement in which the whole of East Kootenay is interested for it means the opening up of a vast of the country which has been proved to possess mines of exceptional richness, and which in time, may give to the district several new towns. Cranbrook will enter into trade rivalry for the business this new section, which is directly tributary to the city. From what we know of the Kootenay and Upper Columbia valleys we are satisfied that this section of the province is on the verge of unprecedented development. The K.C.R. construction will stimulate business. — When the Kootenay Central is in operation from Golden on the main line of the C. P. R. to Cranbrook, hence south to Spokane by the Corbin road, Cranbrook is likely to enjoy a long period of activity.

Owing to the rain Tuesday evening the Atholmer school dance was postponed.

It is stated the steamer Ptarmigan will leave Golden on her first trip of the season next Tuesday.

Six more horses afflicted with glanders have been shot at Atholmer and others are being tested.

Wedding invitations and announcements promptly executed in the latest styles in The Outcrop Job Department.

Cranbrook Herald: Last Friday afternoon J. O. McBride, Mayor G. T. Rogers, W. F. Gurd and W. T. Reid four of the committee appointed by the Board of Trade to go to Calgary, took the afternoon train to perform the work assigned to them regarding doing what they could toward impressing the C. P. R. that the proper place for the southern terminus of the Kootenay Central Railway was Cranbrook. Saturday afternoon the delegation met J. S. Dennis, assistant to Second Vice-President Whyte. They had a long interview with Mr. Dennis and the question was thoroughly discussed in all of its phases. The members of the delegation speak very highly of the courteous treatment by Mr. Dennis, and feel that the trip to Calgary was a wise move. After the interview with Mr. Dennis the delegation held a conference and decided that for the best interests of the town some of the delegation should go on to Winnipeg and interview Mr. Whyte. It was finally decided that Messrs. McBride, Rogers and Gurd should continue their journey to Winnipeg, which they did arriving there Monday. Mr. Whyte received them in a most cordial manner, and after a brief talk arranged an hour when he would have more time to devote to the subject presented. At the second meeting the matter was carefully reviewed by the delegation, and Mr. Whyte evinced great interest in all that was said. All of the details were carefully and conservatively discussed, and when the session closed the members of the delegation left Mr. Whyte's office feeling very much encouraged, and well satisfied with the result of their visit.

Wilmer Rifle Association

Bull! Bang! Bullets! (5) was the cry of the victorious Wilmer Rifle Association started the cordite into action on Saturday last. The white dove proved to be the winner of the day, and as the members of this gun club has disappeared, and their eagle eyes and their Canadian grizzly bear nerves improved during the winter, they are in shape to give a demonstration of pulverizing and muzzling the bullethead with 303 bullets. Every Saturday afternoon from now on and on other week days they are prepared to meet any team between Boley and Chase river. Keep your cartridges on W. H. A. for gold metalists. Following is the first week's record:

A. Palmer	32	29	32-83
A. R. Yates	32	27	21-80
Capt. R. Elliott	37	30	27-84
L. B. Snook	32	28	—
F. Barry	22	24	21-65
R. Patton	20	21	25-66
C. Palmer	25	24	21-70
J. Williamson	27	24	19-70
R. Bell	25	23	16-64
W. Chamberlain	26	27	22-77
J. McLeod	25	—	—
Baker-White	24	24	22-70
C. Cartwright	25	23	23-62
C. Peterson	26	24	19-69
B. Jackson	6	4	2-12

Pres. Pollen Talks

Cranbrook Herald:

C. H. Pollen returned from Victoria last Sunday where he has been since the opening of the House, and during the session was kept busy looking after the interests of the Kootenay Central. Speaking of the road and the results of his efforts Mr. Pollen said:

The contract for ten miles of the Kootenay Central awarded by the C. P. R. on behalf of the Kootenay Central Railway Company will be carried out by the General Contract Co., of Vancouver. This work is a condition of the company's charter and must be shortly completed.

The failure of the Provincial Government to renew the subsidy this session in spite of its repeated assurances placed the company in a very critical condition. Statements that had been made from time to time gave rise to the belief that the Government would make it an essential part of their policy to secure the building of this line either by renewing the subsidy or by making the construction of it possible in some other way. The petition asking for the subsidy which was signed by about 3,000 residents of East Kootenay, were duly brought before the Government, as well as the resolutions of the individual and Associated Boards of Trade, but were received without comment. Mr. Wells and Dr. King made a gallant fight and presented the company's case forcibly before the House. Several members, as well as many public men, have expressed themselves very strongly as to the injustice done the company, which is the only one of those subsidized that has not been allowed to take advantage of the act of 1901 granting the subsidy.

Except for an arrangement which has been made with the C. P. R., whereby that company will handle the preliminary operations of the line for the company, it would have been impossible to organize and carry out this work on time. This arrangement contemplates a friendly traffic agreement should the line be eventually built, but it does not commit the C. P. R. to assist the building of the railway any further. In fact, there are no grounds for supposing that the decision of the C. P. R., of which the Government were officially informed, and which was given out last year, has been since altered. It is only fair to state that the most absolute guarantees for the immediate construction of the railway have been offered to the Government during the last two years by the company, had the Government kept to its promises, the line would have been in operation several months ago. The Government seem quite unconvinced of the importance of East Kootenay, and of the absolute necessity for transportation to develop its resources.

THE MINERS' UNION SIDE

The following open letter was read at regular sessions the Phoenix Industrial Workers of the World and the Miners' Union, and endorsed by both bodies, and the secretaries of each were instructed to forward it to the Nelson News for publication, with the threat that in case the News refused to publish it it would be sent to other papers, however the News printed it. The letter is of interest as it gives the miners views of their leaders as regards the crimes they are charged with, and local interest is taken in the letter as John O. Elliot, secretary of the I. W. of W., was formerly a resident of Wilmer, and as some of his friends here have said, "you can see Jack sticking out of nearly every line!"

ing every issue of the Daily News, waiting for some item or editorial which would show us what stand you were going to take regarding the conspiracy against the Western Federation of Miners. The Spokesman-Review has nailed its colors to the mast, and is backing up the conspiracy with all the spite and venom it can bring to bear. We hoped the management of the News was carefully feeling its way and would finally come out with a fair statement of the facts. However, in your issue of the 30th we find an editorial in which the News hopes "that in the best interests of labor organizations Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone will be able to disprove to the satisfaction of all fair-minded men, the charges alleged against them." This is not the first time that individuals and papers have insisted that a person accused of crime is guilty until he proves himself innocent, despite the laws of Great Britain and the constitution of the United States which say that a man is innocent until proven guilty. We expected Mr. Deane would be more careful in fishing for votes and that he would diligently avoid making such a compromising statement. But it is easy to read between the lines in that editorial and see the very evident desire of the News, and Mr. Deane, that matters may develop so that the Canadian branch of the Western Federation of Miners will be forced to break away from the main organization. Mr. Deane probably reasons that if the miners belonged to a purely Canadian organization it would be much easier to stamp out the socialistic tendencies with which they are permeated.

"We wish to put ourselves on record once more, Mr. Deane, and say that our union in Phoenix confidently believe that our leaders Moyer and Haywood, also Mr. Pettibone, are absolutely guiltless of the charges preferred against them; and further that we are wholly convinced that these men and many other law-abiding citizens, were committed at the instigation of the mine owners of Idaho and Colorado, together with their paid tools, the governors of those states; further that if our leaders are denied justice, and if an attempt is made to railroad them to the gallows, we are ready to take up their cause, and know the reason why.

"After reading this outburst of yours, Mr. Deane, we expect to find in some of your early issues a hint that the recommendations of the notorious Royal Commission be acted upon by the Government, and that the Western Federation of Miners and Industrial Workers of the World be stamped out in Canada by legal enactment.

"If such is your opinion, Mr. Deane, come out with it boldly. At least, be as loyal to your masters as is the Spokesman-Review. Show your colors. We will give you more respect if you come out wholly on the side of the capitalist, than we can if you try to ride both horses."

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WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1906.

On more than one occasion The Outcrop has been asked through correspondence and by persons:

"Would you ask a distant friend to close up his business or give up his situation and move to this valley to make his fortune?"

This is a difficult question to answer direct, but in order to answer it as direct as possible we will say we would not advise anyone to move here or anywhere else under any consideration. Yet we would not hesitate to advise our best friends to come here to investigate for themselves.

It is the height of folly for one man to advise another man to come or go to a distant country to enter business, and yet it is the duty of every man to supply his friends and acquaintances with all the information he possibly can about any country he is in or has lived in.

The world over men differ in opinions and tastes, and, therefore, a country that one may believe will suit another may prove the very opposite.

Then the best a person can do for their friends is to provide them with all the facts of a country, both the advantages and disadvantages—load them right up with the best information—and then let them decide for themselves.

In every country are to be found men who are never done finding fault with former friends who induced them to leave their old homes, and it is for this reason that it is found best never to directly persuade a man to migrate, but let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind that he can better his condition before he locates in a new country.

The Outcrop fully believes that the Kootenay Central Valley offers at least as good an opportunity to men of enterprise and push as any section in this fair Dominion, and while we do not advise anyone to close out a good business or give up a good situation to come here, yet we do advise those who are not satisfied with their present position or condition and are contemplating making a move to come here and see the country for themselves. We will be happy if we can supply any such with information, and hope the strangers may all develop the good old Missourian war whoop: "You'll have to show me!"

Chicago has an organisation called the Anti-age Limit League. The object of the league is to secure employment for those Chicago men who, because of their age, are unable to find employment in that city. We are told that the league has solved the problem; and that the old claps are to be sent to colonies in Canada and Florida, there to become preachers, school teachers and business men of newly created towns. Negotiations are now being carried on with a big company which owns extensive tracts of land in Florida and Western Canada. The scheme seems to look all right from a Chicago standpoint; and it may look all right from a Florida standpoint; but in Canada there may be some objections to accepting a Chicago man, unfit for other work, as a spiritual adviser; and it may be that no Canadian province will change its school law to admit as teachers elderly foreign gentlemen from awful Chicago, who have been condemned as unfit for any employment whatever. The Chicago league would never think of finding these men employment as teachers in the United States; they know that that could not be done; but they have an idea that Canadians are easy, or that any sort of a parson or a school teacher is good enough for this country.

All this might be considered another Chicago joke to antagonise Canadians, were it not that we find the Inter Ocean printing editorials favoring the scheme, but we are afraid that the Chicago league has not yet solved its problem. Evidently Chicago people are not aware that a parson in this country must spend from three to seven years in college before he can qualify, or that American school teachers holding first-class certificates in that country consider themselves in good luck if they obtain a third-class certificate when they run up against a Canadian exam.

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Weighing is best done in the carload, provided the feed is hauled to the plant but the majority of plants do not handle ore in this way. It generally comes from the mine to the mill bins.

The commonest method of weighing in is to take the cubic contents of the train car or trucks, multiplying this by the number of buckets or cars delivered to the bin. This can only be approximate work, and has mighty little to recommend it on the score of accuracy.

Another method would be to have platform scales between the mill bin and the crusher. The ore is drawn into a car which is weighed and dumped into the crusher bin. Sometimes the platform scales are fitted with a bin. The man in charge fills to a certain mark, weighs and discharges to the next bin.

This latter method is fairly accurate and handy, but requires extra labor cost to run it. The work requires alertness and strict accuracy, if we keep the mill winnings and the losses within certain limits.

The best method of all has been adopted in several large mills in the United States. Beyond the first cost, the expense of weighing in is trifling, and as for accuracy, the working scale is guaranteed by the manufacturers.

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The machine is guaranteed to be within one pound in a hundred of the correct weight. It is much more accurate than this in practice, as has been proven from a large number of weighing operations. It has been in use in Europe for several years weighing coal, ores, grain, etc., from and to vessels, in the weighing of coal to furnaces, and has only lately been adopted to the milling practice with splendid results.

The Daly West mill near Park City, Utah, is equipped with this device, which is giving complete satisfaction, according to an exchange. It enables the mill people to quickly locate losses, and has been

a potent factor in the improvement of the milling practice.

Montreal is to have a mining exchange once more. The members are said to be enthusiastic over the matter and are credited with stating that plenty of business can be done. Mining stocks have shown a substantial improvement of late and the declaration of a dividend by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. is regarded as a significant sign of the turn of the tide in western mining affairs. The other British Columbia dividends paid this year have also directed the attention of eastern capitalists in a way that could not be expected from any other happening. The Le Roi, Ecco Granby and the Crow's Nest Pass Coal companies have all declared dividends this year and there are other payments looming up in the near future. The fact that the general prosperity which has been in evidence all over the Dominion for the last two or three years is apparently to last for a considerable time longer has induced eastern people wanting investments to turn to British Columbia once more. If the Montreal Mining Exchange is able to transact a fair volume of trading the good effect should be felt out here in the west immediately.

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